



City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 8, 2015
Location Change -
******Coddington Hall – School Committee Room******
34 Coddington Street

The Quincy City Council acting in its capacity as Special Permit Granting Authority held a public hearing on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7:15 pm in the School Committee Room of Coddington Hall with Council President Joseph G. Finn presiding. Present were Councillor Coughlin, Councillor Croall, Councillor Finn, Councillor Gutro, Hughes, Councillor McFarland, Councillor McNamee and Councillor Palmucci.

Special Permit Granting Authority Meeting
7:15 PM

2015 – 086 – Quarry Hills Development LLC – Ricciuti Drive (Rear)

Attorney Ed Fleming was present to represent the developer

The Special Permit Granting Authority Meeting for Council Order 2015 – 086 – Quarry Hills Development LLC – Ricciuti Drive (Rear) was continued to 10/5/15 @ 6:30 pm

Public Hearing

7:20 PM



The Public Hearings on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at were called to order at 7:20 PM by Council President Joseph G. Finn. Present were Councillor Coughlin, Councillor Croall, Councillor Finn, Councillor Gutro, Councillor Laforest, Councillor McFarland, Councillor McNamee and Councillor Palmucci. Councillor Hughes arrived at 7:22 pm.

2015 – 125 – National Grid Gas Main – Southern Artery

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Dennis Regan from Nation Grid in attendance and described the need for the project

No one is attendance to speak in favor or opposition to this proposal

Councillor Croall discussed location and notification of senior housing as a condition of permit and requested that National Grid work with Councillor Croall and senior housing in area regarding notification.

Councillor Palmucci addressed city wide street repairs following National Grid doing work, particularly work on 273 Common Street. And feels that potential change in legislation may be needed to require a bond when opening street. Dennis Regan stated 273 Common St. would be addressed within the next 2-3 days.

Councillor Coughlin addressed notice to residents and W. Squantum Street & Harvard Street being dug up following the road being newly paved by the City. Repairs need to be done to a higher quality.

Public Hearing

7:25 PM



The Public Hearings on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 called to order at 7:31 PM by Council President Joseph G. Finn. Present were Councillor Coughlin, Councillor Croall, Councillor Finn, Councillor Gutro, Councillor Hughes, Councillor Laforest, Councillor McFarland, Councillor McNamee and Councillor Palmucci.

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No one is attendance to speak in favor or opposition to this proposal

Regular Council Meeting

7:30 PM



The City Council of the City of Quincy met on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7:33 pm in the City Council Chambers with President Finn presiding. Present were Councillor Coughlin, Councillor Croall, Councillor Finn, Councillor Gutro, Councillor Hughes, Councillor Laforest, Councillor McFarland, Councillor McNamee and Councillor Palmucci. Al Grazioso in attendance as administration representation.

Moment of Silence for Divine Inspiration

Pledge of Allegiance

City Clerk Joseph P. Shea read the open meeting law

► Dedication of meeting to Emily Zarnoch – Quincy Public School Teacher tragically killed over summer

► 2015 – 112 - Abandonment - Summit Avenue – Two Hundred Thirty One (231) Square Foot for Roadway Purposes – Mayor Koch

Affirmative recommendation by Planning Board

Motion made by Councillor Coughlin, Seconded by Councillor McFarland

Motion passed by a 9-0 roll call vote

► 2015 – 137 – Conveyance – Myrtle Street Parcels 1-A & 2-A- Adjacent to 13 Oakridge Road – Councillor Coughlin

Affirmative recommendation by Planning Board

Issues with Parcels – Flagged by Law Office missing report from engineering & treasurers on value

Refer to Public Works Committee

Motion made by Councillor Coughlin, Seconded by Councillor McFarland

Is have it

► 2015 – 138 – \$475,000 – Sachem Brook Outfall Repair from Sewer Rehabilitation Fund – Mayor Koch

Motion made by Councillor McFarland, Seconded by Councillor Hughes

Motion passed by a 9-0 roll call vote

► 2015 – 139 – Hearing regarding notice of reassignment of Planning Director Dennis E. Harrington

President Finn addressed Council and attendees to set out guidelines on how this agenda item would be handled.

► James Timmins – City Solicitor addressed the Council

► Dennis E. Harrington – Planning Director addressed the Council

- ▶ Councillor Palmucci questioned Solicitor Timmins regarding the reassignment of the Planning Director
- ▶ Councillor Coughlin questioned Solicitor Timmins regarding the FLM request by Mr. Harrington

▶ Councillor McNamee stated that seeking independent council to review reassignment/transfer vs. removal may be helpful

- ▶ Councillor Hughes questions if Mr. Harrington is an employee if he asserts he is appointee/officer?

- ▶ Councillor Gutro commented on the role of the solicitor and the process

▶ Councillor Finn questioned Solicitor Timmins regarding his letter to Helen Murphy -Human Resource Director and the response received from Solicitor Timmins

▶ Councillor Palmucci asked that the Human Resource Director and Solicitor Timmins to answer the following questions-

How many FMLA Requests have been made over the last several years? How many have been granted?

How many resulted in reassignment, title changes & different superior?

Councillor Palmucci questions Solicitor Timmins on the legal affect this reassignment has on planning board cases

Councillor Palmucci introduced a Resolve seeking funds from the Mayor for the purpose of engaging outside legal counsel Motion by Councillor Palmucci, Seconded by Councillor Coughlin

Motion passed by a 9-0 roll call vote

▶ 2015 – 140 – City Council Approval of Action of Mayor Koch Placing Planning Director on Administrative Leave

Councillor Finn objected to this item on the agenda and was not discussed further

- ▶ 2015 – 141 – \$3,250 gift from Various Donations to D.A.R.E. – Mayor Koch

Thank you to be sent

Motion by Councillor Coughlin, Seconded by Councillor McFarland

Motion passed by a 9-0 roll call vote

- ▶ 2015 – 142 – \$10,000 gift from the Copeland Family Foundation Inc. to D.A.R.E. – Mayor Koch

Thank you to be sent

Motion by Councillor McFarland, Seconded by Councillor Coughlin

Motion passed by a 9-0 roll call vote

- ▶ 2015 – 143 – \$10,000 gift from the State Street Foundation Inc. to D.A.R.E. – Mayor Koch

Thank you to be sent

Councillor Hughes recognized State Street Foundation for their continued support of D.A.R.E program

Motion by Councillor McFarland, Seconded by Councillor Coughlin

Motion passed by a 9-0 roll call vote

- ▶ 2015 – 144 – \$100 gift from Parent of Camper to D.A.R.E. Camp – Mayor Koch

Motion by Councillor McFarland, Seconded by Councillor Coughlin

Motion passed by a 9-0 roll call vote

► 2015 – 145 – \$1,000 gift from New England Fertilizer Co. – MWRA to Fire Dept. – Mayor Koch

Thank you to be sent

Motion by Councillor McFarland, Seconded by Councillor Coughlin

Motion passed by a 9-0 roll call vote

► 2015 – 146 – Resolve seeking Report on the City's efforts to control and eradicate rodent population – Councillor Palmucci, Councillor Coughlin & Councillor Hughes, Councillor Laforest

Councillor Hughes waived the reading

Councillor Laforest spoke regarding this issue in her area and through the city

Refer to Environmental & Public Health Committees

Is have it

► 2015 – 147 – Resolve seeking the DCR host public meetings on hunting in the Blue Hills Reservation – Councillor Palmucci

Councillor Palmucci waived reading & requested it be sent to appropriate authorities at the DCR, Statehouse including Governor Baker, Mayor Koch, Milton and Randolph delegations.

Motion by Councillor Palmucci, Seconded by Councillor McFarland

Councillor Laforest voiced her frustration with public agencies not communicating with the City and Ward Councillors on many topics including paving and road closures and need to public notification

Motion passed by a 9-0 roll call vote

► 2015 – 148 – Resolve regarding restoration of piers or substructures relative the controlled demolition of the Long Island Bridge – Councillor Gutro

Councillor Gutro requested resolve be refer to the Oversight Committee

Motion by Councillor Gutro, Seconded Councillor McNamee

Refer to Oversight & Public Works Committees

Is have it

► 2015 – 149 – Resolve regarding status and cost of claims pending against the City of Quincy for damage to personal property during the winter of 2015 – Councillor Gutro

Councillor Gutro Finance, Oversight Committee & Public Works & Mayor

Seconded by Councillor Laforest would like the responsible party added to resolve

Deirdre Hall spoke regarding the status of claims

Refer to Oversight & Finance Committees

► 2015 – 150 – Resolves seeking Planning Board review and public discussion of Cliveden Place Covenant – Councillor Gutro

Motion by Councillor Gutro, Seconded by Councillor Palmucci

Refer to Planning Board & Downtown Committees

Is have it

► 2015 – 151 – Resolve Regarding application by Spectra Energy to construct a gas compressor station at the Fore River Basin – Councillor Croall & Councillor Laforest

Councillor Gutro recused himself on this matter on advice from EPA council and left the room

Councillor Croall described the project, its effects on neighborhood and a potential public safety hazard

Councillor Laforest stated a Community Meeting is scheduled for September 29th 5:30 pm at Snug Harbor School

Motion by Councillor Croall, Seconded by Councillor Laforest

Motion passed by a 8-0 roll call vote – Councillor Gutro recused himself and was not in the room for the vote

Communications & Reports-

Approval of Minutes from the June 15, 2015 City Council Meeting

Motion to approve by Councillor Coughlin, Seconded by Councillor Hughes

Is have it



FEMA Reimbursement Winter 2015 - James Fatseas

2015 Snow Claims Memorandum – Solicitor Jim Timmins

Petition for Full Repaving of Great Hill Streets – Refer to Public Works

Planning & Community Development - Cliveden Place URDP Certificate

National Grid – 129 Bayside Road – Refer to Public Works Committee & Advertising Public Hearing

MSBA Communications –

Reay E. Sterling Middle School Preliminary Design Program

Accelerated Repair Programs North Quincy High School and the Wollaston Elementary School

Skanska Responses to MSBA - City of Quincy - North Quincy HS/Merrymount ES/Wollaston ES

Powers & Sullivan Letters & Reports –

Management Letter – June 30, 2014; Reports on Federal Award Programs

Division of Banks Final Amendments to 209 CMR 57.00 – To be put on City Website & Refer to Environmental & Public Works Committees

Spectra Project/ Atlantic Bridge Project/ pipeline and compressor station Shelly Dein -Energy and Sustainability Director - City of Quincy - Public Buildings Department

From Traffic Department –

Ward 4 – Councillor Palmucci-**Remove** - No Parking Trafford Street West Side to Taber Street 100” South of Taber Street

The above has been referred to Ordinance Committee for advertising

Three correspondence regarding agenda item # 4 and will be placed in file with Council Order#2015 - 140

Petition by Barbour Terrance residents to become a Public Way

Report of Committees –

▶ 2015 – 125 – National Grid Gas Main – Southern Artery

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Motion made by Councillor Coughlin, Seconded by Councillor Croall

Motion passed by a 9-0 roll call vote

Ordinance Committee –

▶ 2015 – 127 - **Remove** - No Parking on the North Side of High School Ave, #18 High School Ave. to Telephone Pole #6

Positive recommendation made by Ordinance Committee Chairman Councillor Coughlin

Motion made by Councillor Coughlin, Seconded by Councillor Croall

Motion passed by a 9-0 roll call vote

- ▶ 2015 – 128 - **Add** – No Parking to the East side of Dartmouth St., South Street to 70' north of South Street
Handicap Parking at 445 Palmer St.

Positive recommendation made by Ordinance Committee Chairman Councillor Coughlin

Motion made by Councillor Coughlin, Seconded by Councillor Croall

Motion passed by a 9-0 roll call vote

- ▶ 2015 – 129 - **Add** - Handicap Parking Avalon Ave Across from 73 Avalon Ave

Positive recommendation made by Ordinance Committee Chairman Councillor Coughlin

Motion made by Councillor Coughlin, Seconded by Councillor Croall

Motion passed by a 9-0 roll call vote

- ▶ 2015 – 130 - **Remove** No Parking Hayden Street – North Side from Loring St. to Willard St.

Positive recommendation made by Ordinance Committee Chairman Councillor Coughlin

Motion made by Councillor Coughlin, Seconded by Councillor Palmucci

Motion passed by a 9-0 roll call vote

- ▶ 2015 – 133 - **Add** No Parking South Side of Quarry Street – Grogan Ave to 60' W. of Grogan Ave.

Positive recommendation made by Ordinance Committee Chairman Councillor Coughlin

Motion made by Councillor Coughlin, Seconded by Councillor Palmucci

Motion passed by a 9-0 roll call vote

Petitions, Memorial, Remonstrance –

- ▶ Councillors Welcomed Al Grazioso to the council well

- ▶ Councillor Hughes congratulated Councillor Croall on the arrival of son PJ in August

Motions, Orders, Resolutions –

- ▶ Barbour Terrance Petition to become a Public Way - Letter of receipt to petitioners

Scheduling of Committee Meetings & Public Hearings –

Monday, September 28, 2015 7:25 PM Public Hearing - 2015 – 154 –

Mass. Electric -129 Bayside Road

7:30 PMRegular Council Meeting

Monday, October 5, 20156:30 PMSpecial Permit Granting Authority –
2015 – 086 - Quarry Hills Development LLC
Ricciuti Drive

7:30 PMRegular Council Meeting

Monday, October 19, 20157:30 PMRegular Council Meeting

Monday, November 9, 20157:30 PMRegular Council Meeting

Monday, November 16, 20157:30 PMRegular Council Meeting

Monday, December 7, 20157:30 PMRegular Council Meeting

Monday, December 21, 20157:30 PMRegular Council Meeting

Adjournment 10:39 PM